



**Marine Safety Information Bulletin 36-02  
Cancellation of District – Wide  
Security Zone for  
Tank Vessels & Other Specially Designated Vessels**

**Advance Notice of Bunkering  
*Remains in Affect***

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1. The Eighth Coast Guard District Commander in New Orleans has canceled the district-wide security zone around tank vessels of 70,000 dead weight tons (DWT) or greater, and other specially designated vessels during transfer of cargoes or bunkering. As a result, MSIB 30-02 is canceled. However, temporary security zones may be invoked on a case-by-case basis.

2. Previously announced security zones, as defined in MSIB 31-01, remain in place for the following areas: Houston Ship Channel West of Carpenters Bayou, Morgan's Point, Bayport, Texas City, and Freeport. Security enforcement will continue as before within these regulated zones, which are off-limits to non-commercial activities. Details are provided at <http://www.uscg.mil/d8/mso/hougal/index.htm>.

3. The requirement for vessel operators to provide the COTP a 4-hour notice of bunkering prior to anticipated operations remains in affect for all tankers 70,000 DWT or greater under the authority of 33 CFR 156.118. This notice is required for all bunkering conducted within the Bolivar Roads Anchorage defined by 33 CFR 110.197. Persons or vessels making notifications of bunkering within the Bolivar Roads Anchorage must contact "Houston Traffic" via phone at (713) 671-5103 (primary) or VHF FM Channels 5A (secondary). This MSIB supercedes MSIB 31-02.

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